**INTRODUCTION** ORGANIZATION



# The City of Memphis, Tennessee

Memphis is located on the east bank of the Mississippi River in the southwest corner of Tennessee. Memphis is the State's largest city and the county seat of Shelby County. The corporate limits contain 343 square miles, representing 45 percent of the total land area of Shelby County. Memphis ranks as the twentieth largest city in the nation. The 2015 population was 653,480. According to the Memphis Chamber of Commerce the population is estimated to be 666,723 in 2016.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE**

The City of Memphis was incorporated as a city in 1826. Memphis operated under a commission form of government from 1909 until January 1, 1968, when a Mayor – Council form of government was established. The City Council is composed of thirteen representative citizens who are elected for four-year terms. Six (6) council members are elected at large in multi-member districts, with territorial boundaries determined by dividing the City in half with each multi-member district consisting of three (3) council member positions. The remaining seven (7) members are elected by single member districts, numbered 1-7. The Council elects its own chairperson, exercises legislative powers, approves budgets and establishes the tax rate.

The Mayor is elected to a four-year term. The Mayor carries out the policies of the City and appoints board members to various related organizations, jointly-owned ventures and board authorities. These include the boards of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division (MLG&W); Memphis Area Transit Authority; Memphis Housing Authority; Memphis and Shelby County Downtown Memphis Development Commission; Memphis & Shelby County Convention Center Complex; Memphis Brooks Museum of Art; Memphis & Shelby County Building Code Advisory Board; and the Memphis & Shelby County Public Library Board. The Mayor appoints five of the seven members of the Board of the Memphis & Shelby County Airport Authority. Most of the members of these boards are private citizens giving their time to the City without compensation.

The City's Operating Divisions are organized under Division Directors who report to one of six (6) Chiefs. All Division Directors and Chiefs are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council. The Chiefs who coordinate the activities of all administrative divisions of City

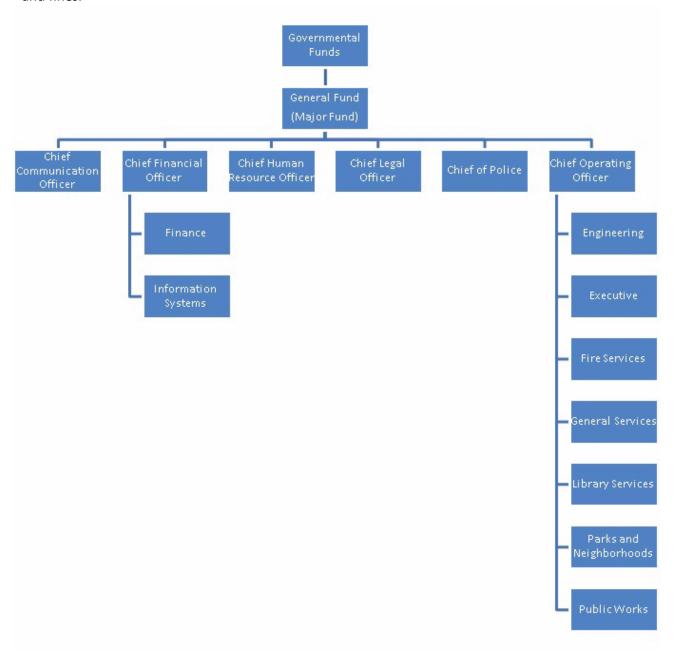
government are as follows: Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Communications Officer, Chief Human Resources Officer, Chief Legal Officer, and Chief of Police. The Chiefs act as liaisons between the Mayor and all divisions, bureaus, boards, commissions and authorities.

The administrative divisions of the City include: Engineering; Executive; Finance; Fire; General Services; Information Services; Housing and Community Development; Human Resources; Legal; Libraries; Parks; Office of Planning and Development, Police Services; and Public Works. There are three divisions with elected leadership: City Council; City Court Clerk and City Judges.

# CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE Organization Chart

## **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (part 1 of 2)**

The City's **General Fund** is the general Operating fund and supports the essential City services and activities. Fund revenues come primarily from a variety of local and intergovernmental taxes, fees and fines.



## **Organization Chart**

## **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (part 2 of 2)**

The City's **Special Revenue Funds** are used to account for revenues from specific sources that are designated to finance specific functions within the city.

The City's **Debt Fund** is used to account for resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned for payment of certain debt obligations and related costs.

Capital improvements are funded with the proceeds of bond issuances and state and federal grant funds.

The **Capital Fund** has its own budget cycle. A separate appropriation is established after the CIP budget is finalized.



## **Organization Chart**

## **PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

Enterprise Funds are self- supporting, in that each fund derives its revenue from charges and associated user fees.

Internal Service Funds are used to budget for the costs of goods or services provided by one division or service center to another division for the City.

### **FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

Fiduciary Funds are held by the City in a trustee or agency capacity. They include Pension and OPEB Funds.

